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REQUEST FORM FOR CONTINUATION APPLICATION UNDER 35 USC 111(a)

Prior Application: **International Application No. PCT/JP03/03493**
Art Unit: **(Unassigned)**
Examiner: **(Unassigned)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is a Request for filing a continuation or continuation-in-part application, entitled A

SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND A FABRICATION METHOD THEREOF, under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) of pending
prior International Application No. PCT/JP03/03493, filed on March 24, 2003, by the following named inventors:

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1. I hereby verify, to the best of my knowledge, that the enclosed copy of this prior application is a true copy of the above-identified prior application, including the oath or declaration as originally filed.
2. Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- 2a. An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO1449 Form are submitted herewith.
3. Cancel claims



4. The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 3 above:

	NO. OF CLAIMS		EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	AMOUNT
Total Claims	21	-20	1	\$18.00 =	\$18.00
Independent Claims	4	-3	1	\$84.00 =	\$84.00
Basic Application Fee					\$750.00
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$280.00					\$0.00
Total Application Fee					\$852.00
Subtract ½ if small entity					\$0.00
TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE					\$852.00
AMOUNT TO BE CHARGED TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 500417					\$852.00

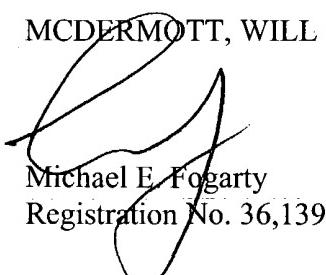
- 4a. Enclosed is a Verified Statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27.
- 4b. A verified Statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27 was filed in prior application and such status is still proper and desired.
5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any extension of time fees including any extension of time fees to maintain the pendency of the parent application Serial No. or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 500417.
6. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
--This application is a Continuation of International Application No. PCT/JP03/03493, filed on March 24, 2003--
7. Priority of Japanese Application Serial No. 2002-85284 filed on March 26, 2002, in Japan and International Application No. PCT/JP03/03493 filed March 24, 2003 designating the U.S. is claimed under 35 USC 119, 120 and/or 365. A certified copy of the Japanese priority document is enclosed. Also enclosed is a copy of the published International Application ().
8. The prior application is assigned of record to
MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD.
Osaka, Japan
9. The power of attorney in the prior application is to:
SAEGUSA INTERNATIONAL PATENT OFFICE

10. Also enclosed:
1. Verification of a Translation
 2. PCT/IB/304
11. A petition, fee and response has been filed to extend the term in the pending prior application until
12. Address all future communications to: (May only be completed by applicant, or attorney or agent of record)

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VERIFICATION OF A TRANSLATION

I, the below named translator, hereby declare that:

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That I am knowledgeable in the English language and in the language in which the below identified international application was filed, and that I believe the English translation of the international application No. PCT/JP03/03493 is a true and complete translation of the above identified international application as filed.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such wilful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Date

June 27, 2003

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